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U.S. Patent No. 2,091,051 shows a balanced valve comprising a diaphragm D, and bellows 60, inlet port 10, outlet port 11. See Figures 1-2, page 1, column 2, lines 12-50.

U.S. Patent No. 2,517,534 shows a pressure regulator including a diaphragm D. See Figures 1-3, column 1, lines 35-55, column 2, lines 1-51.

U.S. Patent No. 2,645,884 shows a pressure regulating valve comprising flexible bellows 13, sealing disk 40. See Figures 1-4, column 3, lines 57-75, column 4, lines 1-75, column 5, lines 1-18.

U.S. Patent No. 3,212,525 shows valves for refrigeration apparatus having cooling and/or heating cycles, including bellows 25, and capillary tube 27. See Figures 1-6.

U.S. Patent No. 3,245,583 shows a gas container 20, having a protecting tube 30, wherein the intake end 36 of the tube 30 is placed within a central part of the high pressure gas container. See Figure 1, column 2, lines 46-66.

U.S. Patent No. 4,335,742 shows an evaporator pressure regulator including capillary tube 92, bellow assembly 72. See Figures 1, 2, and 5.

The remaining references are of general interest for showing different fail safe and valve arrangements.

Additionally, Applicants submit herewith a copy of each of the following forty-one (41) references cited for consideration in connection with the above application. These references are also the results of a search done by a third-party search firm.

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U.S. Patent Number 5,544,785 shows a reservoir of gaseous fuel in liquid phase comprising a draw off orifice (6), valve (7) and a pressure reducer or evaporator (8). See Figure 1, Col. 2, lines 60-67, Col. 3, lines 1-30.

U.S. Patent Number 2,237,052 shows a dispensing and mixing apparatus for liquefied gas comprising filler valve (34), vapor outlet valve (36) and pressure regulator (30). See Figure 1, Col. 2, lines 1-30.

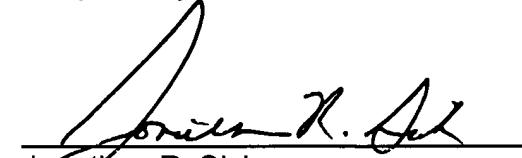
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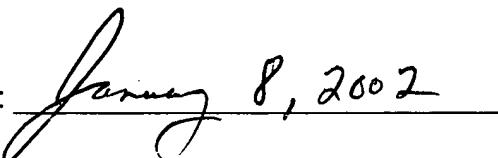
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